UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS AUSTIN DIVISION



Before the Court is the defendant's Unopposed Motion to Continue docket call and jury selection and trial (Clerk's Doc. No. 38). The defendant was set for jury selection and trial on October 23, 2023, but counsel is requesting that the hearings be reset because additional time is needed to prepare. The Government does not oppose the continuance. The Court finds good cause for this extension. ACCORDINGLY, the docket call is reset to April 5, 2024 at 9:00am and jury selection and trial in this case is reset to April 15, 2024 at 9:30am. All plea agreements are due on or before March 27, 2024, and motions due on or before March 1, 2024.

Pursuant to the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(A), the Court finds that the ends of justice served by allowing the defendant the additional time in which to prepare for the hearing outweigh the best interest of the public and the Defendant in a speedy trial. The Court's basis for said finding is that the failure to grant such a continuance in this case would unreasonably deny the Defendant's counsel the reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(B)(iv). Thus, the Court ORDERS that the time from October 23, 2023 and until April 15, 2024, be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act.

SIGNED this 8th day of November, 2023.

ROBERT PITMAN UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE